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PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

Public Health Department,
Foord Road,
FOLKESTONE.

-2nd March, 1953.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect of the
working of the Port of Folkestone for 1952.

The form of this Annual Report has been revised in order to bring
it into line with the recently revised Public Health (Ships) Regulations,
1952, and to include additional information required by these Regulations
(Ministry of Health Circular 33/52 and Form Port 20.)

On the 8th October, 1952, Dr. H. Yates was appointed as an Assistant
Medical Inspector of Aliens, and the resignation of Dr. Georgette Crosby
took effect from the 30th January, 1952.

Regular boat services during the year have been as follows:

(a) From Calais.

- (1) Daily passenger service by British Railways steamer
from 7th April to 29th May, 1952, and 12th October to
31st December, 1952.
- (2) Daily passenger service by French steamer Cote d'Azur
from 1st January to 6th April, 1952, and 30th May to
11th October, 1952.
- (3) Daily autocarrier service (passengers and cars):
 - (i) S.S. Dinard from 1st January to 17th February, 1952.
 - (ii) S.S. Autocarrier from 10th May to 27th June, 1952,
and 12th July to 19th December, 1952.

(b) From Boulogne.

- (1) Daily evening passenger service from 30th May to
4th October, 1952.
- (2) Daily morning passenger service from 30th May to
21st September, 1952.

(c) From Flushing.

- (1) Twice weekly passenger service (arriving in Folkestone
on Fridays and Sundays) from 4th July to 8th September,
1952.

The usual cargo service has been maintained on alternate days to
and from Calais and Boulogne.

There has been a decrease of 38,530 passengers arriving at and
departing from the Port compared with 1951; the gross figures for the
past four years being:

	<u>1949.</u>	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>
Inwards.	252,145.	250,002.	285,782.	260,975.
Outwards.	251,310.	223,446.	251,405.	237,622.

The number of aliens arriving has also shown a decrease, especially
during the second half of the year, as will be seen from the following
summary:

	<u>1949.</u>	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>
Arrived.	52,246.	61,840.	65,928.	61,324.
Medically examined.	5,212.	7,447.	10,740.	8,564.
Certificates issued.	10.	7.	10.	20.
Percentage examined.	10.	12.	16.	13.9.

A new medical inspection room has been provided off the Harbour Station platform. This is a good, bright room with a partitioned-off annexe containing equipment for medical examinations, wash-hand basin, etc.

The aliens arriving to take up employment here continue to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and France.

There has been a marked fall in the number of men coming to take up employment in 1952 as compared with 1951; this is due to the falling off in the number of coal miners, tinsplate workers, brickyard workers and railway workers in 1952. Men continue to arrive for technical and professional employment with firms and as hotel workers.

The women are mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, student nurses, ward orderlies, textile workers, etc.

Most of the aliens have had no previous examination for fitness to take up employment here and I still consider it desirable that preliminary examinations in the countries of origin be carried out, since in the time available to the Medical Inspector here it is not possible to carry out comprehensive medical examinations which may exclude latent disease.

Medical Certificates were issued in respect of 20 aliens as a result of medical inspection under the Aliens Order; some of these were not allowed to land on medical grounds and others were provisionally landed for further examination ashore.

During the year sixteen patients arriving at the Harbour (accident cases, chronic illness, tuberculosis and mental cases) were examined to ensure their fitness to proceed to a pre-arranged destination in England.

A seaman was landed from a coastal vessel and admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, where an operation for appendicitis was successfully carried out.

On the 13th February, 1952, I attended a Sessional Meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute in London when a paper on "Port Health Control" was read by Dr. H. Maurice Williams, Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer of Southampton.

On the 3rd October, 1952, a Sessional Meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute was held at Folkestone and I read a paper before this Meeting on "Cross Channel Port Health Control." My paper dealt with the development of Folkestone as a Cross Channel Port from 1843 to the present time, and the great increase in the scope of Port Health work as the Port developed.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical and Nursing staff at the Harbour, and also to the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials and Ships' staffs.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
R.F.H. McELLIGOTT,
Port Medical Officer.

Table A.

SECTION I Staff.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
R.F.H. McElligott.	Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer. (Temporary.)	29.12.50.	-	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time.)
L.H. Vale.	Senior Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-1.10.49.	-	*M.R.San.I., Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	-
L.F. Pattman.	Deputy Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-5.11.28.	-	*A.R.San.I., Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.	-
A. Stubbs.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-1. 2.45.	-	*Cert.S.I.3., M.S.I.A.	Sanitary Inspector for the Borough of Folkestone.
D. Prebble.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-9. 2.49.	30. 3.52.	*A.R.San.I., Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	
A. Colgan.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	-3.12.51.	-	*M.R.San.I., Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	
G.A. Hagedorn.	Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.	27. 5.52.	-	*Cert.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.	

* Also hold Certificates of Royal Sanitary Institute as "Inspector of Meat and other Foods."

Address and telephone number
of the Medical Officer of Health.)

Public Health Department,
Old Harvey Grammar School,
Foord Road, Folkestone.

Telephone No: Folkestone 2465.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	1,012	920,944	-	9	-
Coastwise	-	-	-	-	-
Total ...	1,012	920,944	-	9*	-

*These 9 vessels are regularly inspected. Total number of visits to Harbour for this purpose = 699.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ...	{	Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 260,975.
	{	Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 237,622.
Cargo Traffic ...	{	Principal IMPORTS - Dates, nuts, fruit, vegetables, meat products, preserved fruit, fish, wines, horses and general cargo of miscellaneous character.
	{	Principal EXPORTS - Motor-cycles, horses, machinery and general merchandise.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais, Boulogne and Flushing.		

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water supply.

(1) Source of supply for -

(a) the district:

Water is obtained from the Folkestone Waterwork Company, with the exception of a very limited supply from a source on British Railways own property which is used for flushing sanitary conveniences at the entrance to the harbour, and for re-filling tanks on locomotives.

(b) shipping:

Drinking water obtained from tanks filled from hydrants on quay side connected to town supply, viz., Folkestone Water-Works Company.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Routine samples submitted for bacteriological examination proved satisfactory.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

New automatic couplings on feed hydrants provided in 1951 and these have proved very satisfactory.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

(1) LIST OF INFECTED AREAS. (Regulation 6.)

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

A list of infected areas has been prepared and amended from time to time by taking into account all information supplied by the Ministry of Health in the Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases.

It is divided into the six quarantinable diseases (plague, cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, typhus and relapsing fever) and the various countries, localities and seaports which are infected or believed to be infected are shown under the appropriate disease.

A copy of the original list and amendments, including an extract of the supplement on endemic yellow fever areas, have been supplied to the Chief Customs Officer by sending them without delay to the Customs House, Folkestone Harbour.

(2) RADIO MESSAGES.

- (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13.)

Use of radio station controlled by Harbour Authorities, viz., British Railways Marine Department (Headquarters at Dover.)

- (b) Arrangements for receiving message by radio from ships and for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1)(a) and (2)).

All vessels normally using the Port are equipped with radio transmitting apparatus and arrangements have been made for notification of cases of suspected infectious disease.

(3) NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO. (Regulation 14 (1)(b)).
Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

This Port has no signalling station but arrangements would be made to get such notification through in an emergency.
All vessels met by H.M. Customs and Port Health Inspectors.

(4) MOORING STATIONS. (Regulations 22 to 30.)

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

- (a) Within the docks.

Their place of mooring, discharge or loading.

- (b) Outside the docks.

A point one mile South by West of Harbour Pier head.

No standing directions issued but action taken would be in accordance with these Regulations.

(5) ARRANGEMENTS FOR -

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - see Section VII.)

At either the Dover or Ashford Isolation Hospitals or, in case of difficulty, application made to the Emergency Bed Service.

- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

In accordance with Sections 31 and 37 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952. Names and addresses would be taken and forwarded to Medical Officers of Health of areas to which the contacts were proceeding.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

No facilities exist for cleansing of persons on the Harbour. Baths available under the auspices of the Folkestone Corporation. Ships' quarters disinfected after infection. Clothing and other articles submitted to steam disinfection.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

- (3) Name of smallpox consultant available.

Dr. F.L. Cassidi, Longport House, Canterbury.
(Tel. No: Canterbury 3540 and 2186.)

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

The Pathological Laboratories, County Hall, Maidstone.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Clinics are available as follows:

Ashford Hospital,		
King's Avenue, Ashford	...	Tuesdays and Fridays - 11 to 12 noon.
Royal Victoria Hospital,		
Dover	...	Mondays and Thursdays - 6 to 7 p.m.
Kent and Canterbury Hospital,		
Canterbury	...	Tuesdays and Fridays - 5 to 6.30pm.

In-patient treatment is available at all of these hospitals.
Where necessary full information supplied to seamen concerned.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

Table D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ...	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the County Laboratory, Maidstone.

None of the rodents sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required, there being complete liaison between the two authorities.

When necessary ships are treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year
in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats 	) Nil.
Brown rats 	
Species not known ...	
Sent for examination	
Infected with plague	

Table F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.
Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways
and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health
authority.

SECTION XLIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	699.	-	-	-
Total:	699.	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish)
Regulations 1934 and 1948.

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of this authority.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens.)

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott.	28.10.49.	-	M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.
Georgette Crosby.	22. 1.47.	29. 1.52.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
J.H. Campbell.	16. 4.51.	-	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates.	-8.10.52.	-	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
Mrs. D. Summerfield.	Nurse-Attendant. (Part-time.)	1937.	S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V. and S.N. Cert. of R.S.I.

(3) Organisation of work.

Dr. R.F.H. McElligott, with the assistance of Mrs. D. Summerfield, Nurse-Attendant, is responsible for the organisation of the work.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

The aliens arriving to take up employment in this country continue to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and France.

2,176 fewer aliens were examined in 1952 compared with 1951; this was mainly due to the falling off in the number of Italians coming to work in the coal mines, tinplate works, brickyards and railways.

Men continue to arrive for technical and professional employment with firms and as hotel workers. The women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, student nurses, ward orderlies, textile workers, etc.

A summary of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1952 is set out below:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens					
(a) Passenger	...	...	...	...	806.
(b) Cargo	...	...	...	...	87.
<u>Total:</u>					893.

B. Total number of aliens (excluding transmigrants)					
(a) Arriving at the port	...	...	...	...	61,624.
(b) Medically inspected	...	...	...	...	-
(c) Medically examined	...	...	...	...	8,564.

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Certificates issued.	Aliens permitted to land		Aliens not permitted to land	Total
	Unconditionally	Conditionally		
(a) Unsound mind or mentally defective	-	-	-	-
(b) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-	8	8
(c) Physical incapacity	1	2	5	8
(d) Acute infectious disease	-	3	-	3
(e) Conditionally landed for adequate medical examination	-	1	-	1

D. Transmigrants landing and medically examined ... Nil.

(a) Verminous	)	Nil.
(b) Trachoma		
(c) Favus		
(d) Other diseases		

E. Analysis of aliens referred by Immigration Officer for medical examination.

	<u>Number examined</u>	<u>Certificates issued for</u>
(i) Ministry of Labour permits (M.L.) ...	7,346	10
(ii) Immigrants without M.L. permits ...	534	3
(iii) Others remaining more than 3 months and intending to take up employment ...	614	1
(iv) Students ...	35	-
(v) Visiting for health reasons ...	20	-
(vi) Appearing to the Immigration Officer to be:-		
(a) not in robust health ...	15	6
(b) mentally or physically abnormal or subnormal ...	-	-
(c) bodily dirty ...	-	-
(d) in need of medical examination for other special reason ...	-	-
(vii) Seamen or airmen travelling as passengers ...	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	<u>8,564</u>	<u>20</u>

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

A new medical inspection room has been provided off the Harbour Station platform, but the usual practice of carrying out the examinations in cabins on board passenger ships has been continued.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

A mortuary and adequate burial facilities are available in the district.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L.H. Vale, Esq., Chief Sanitary Inspector for Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1952.

FOODSTUFF.	CALAIS		BOULOGNE.	
	tons.	cwts.	tons.	cwts.
Cheese	1	-	-	-
Chocolate	-	-	19	3
Dates	-	-	2536	6
Fish	14	10	15	10
Fruit	-	-	22	4
Lard	11	16	-	-
Mustard	3	17	-	-
Nuts	-	-	21	8
Preserved Fruit	21	2	1	4
Meat	11	6	123	15
Salami and other Sausage	77	1	5	1
Sugar	27	11	-	-
Vegetables	24	9	-	6
Totals:	192	12	2744	17

Grand Total: 2,937 tons 9 cwt.

(2) Foodstuffs condemned.

1 tin of preserved meat.

(3) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 699 visits during the year.

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist: Nil.

(b) Analyst: 2 samples.
(Chemical examination.)

Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
Marron Glace	Consisted of cooked chestnuts in a syrup. Free from preservatives and metallic impurity.	Satisfactory.
Preserved Fruit. (Carlsbad Plums.)	Free from preservatives and metallic contamination and infestation.	Satisfactory.

